

### The Woolsack.

The woolsack is the big red bag, without back or arms, on which the lord chancellor sits when presiding over the deliberations of the house of lords. Its origin is curious. An act was passed in Elizabeth's reign prohibiting the exportation of wool, and to keep this source of national wealth in their lordships' minds the kindergarten notion of making them sit on wool bags was tried. Nowadays, when a new chancellor is appointed he is said to be appointed to the woolsack and to sit on the woolsack.

### Henry Adams on Facts.

Adams was a man of industry, always doing more work than he confessed to. With him all facts had to be interrelated into meaning and significance. "For facts as such I have a profound contempt," he said one day in his classroom; just as in his education he remarks that, "nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts."—Henry O. Taylor in Atlantic.

### Queer Find at Pompeii.

A soap-boller's shop was among the things discovered in the excavation at Pompeii several years ago. The city was buried beneath volcanic ashes A. D. 79. It is said that the soap found in the shop had not lost all efficacy, although it had lain under the ashes more than 1,800 years. Soap making was quite a business in a number of the Roman cities at the time that Pompeii was destroyed.

### Curious!

Some birds are awfully curious and want to know what is going on. So if they see a human being in their neighborhood they will come close to investigate and perhaps to scold, and one of these birds is the Kentucky warbler. This bird has a preference for woods which are low and damp and ordinarily keeps well within the depth of tangled thickets. This bird, which ranges throughout the eastern United States, spends its winter in northern South America.

### Only a Shepherd Dog.

A shepherd dog owned by a man in Leominster, Mass., says a writer in Our Dumb Animals, roused the family by his barking one January night. The husband, wife and two children barely escaped. Once in safety the dog's master tried to locate his brave rescuer, but the smoke was too dense. The body was found near the kitchen door leading into the front hall. Only a dog!

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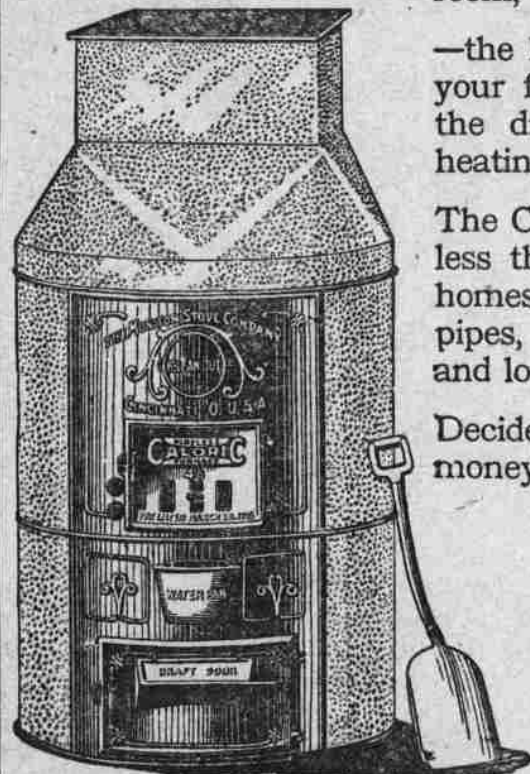


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